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the YEAR 1945.

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Every year since forms to obtain the consent of parents have been sent to the teachers to give to any child not immunised, resulting in about 90% of children of school age being protected. In order to reach children under school age similar forms have been sent to the district nurses, who urge parents to get their children done before the age of one year if possible. This has resulted in about 80% of children under 5 years being protected.

HOUSING. There has been some difficulty and delay in securing sites for new Council houses but twelve have been chosen in different villages and on these 66 houses are to be built. Although no new houses have been built for the Council during 1945, anticipating somewhat, I may say, by the time this report reaches the Ministry several houses are well on the way to completion. Regular inspection of houses in each village has been undertaken during the year under the Public Health Housing Acts - 78 such inspections having taken place. In addition 259 houses have been inspected and recorded under Public Health and Housing Acts. Where defects have been found notices for repairs have been issued.

WATER SUPPLIES. At the beginning of the year I started inspection of water supplies and took samples of those of Snainton, Brompton, Sutton, Wykeham and Hutton Buscel, and East and West Ayton. The results were not quite satisfactory and further investigations and recommendations were put in the hands of Mr. Moore, Civil Engineer. A full report for the Ministry should be got from his observations and suggestions.

The supply at Ravenscar was unsatisfactory. On August 20th an Inspector from the Ministry made an inspection and report condemning the supply. Subsequently a bore was sunk and a plentiful supply of good water was obtained. At the same time complaints of the condition at Harwood Dale were received. Attempts to relieve the condition there have not been successful and it may be that a supply from the new bore at Ravenscar will have to be taken there.

From Burniston and Cloughton repeated complaints have been received as to the condition of the water obtained from the Scalby supply. The supply is most unsatisfactory in that it is nearly always so dirty and discoloured as to be unsuitable for domestic purposes. If this supply does not improve and another source of supply is suggested, in my opinion the Council ought to consider the possibility of obtaining a supply from Ravenscar, thus keeping control of the water undertaking entirely in their own hands.

The water supplies in other parts of the district are now quite satisfactory.

DRAINAGE. The drainage systems remain the same as in past years but large schemes have been approved by the Council for the future treatment of the drainage of all the villages lying between Grinstead and Snainton. By combining some of the village schemes and carrying the sewage to centres for treatment a proper outfall will be secured instead of allowing the sewage to find its own disposal area as at present. But these new schemes are to cost the area a very large sum, some £123,000 based on 1939 prices - twice that amount at to-day's prices probably.

There are still a considerable number of houses, including Council houses, with privies, but gradually these are



being converted into water closets - 14 this year.

MILK SUPPLIES continue satisfactory, all analyses showing pure milk, and inspections of cowsheds and dairies being nearly all satisfactory.

The following is a record of some of the work of Mr. Foulkes, the Sanitary Inspector, during the year:-

Houses inspected under Public Health and Housing Act.	78
Houses inspected and recorded under Public Health and Housing Acts (not in previous total).	259
Statutory Notices served under Public Health and Housing Acts.	19
Statutory Notices complied with	17
Samples of water submitted for analysis.	14
Sources of water supplies inspected by Committee.	5
" " " " cleansed.	4
Complaints of water supplies received and investigated.	8
W.C.'s supplied instead of privies.	14
Licences to slaughter granted.	2
Inspections of rat infested premises.	13
Cleared...	3
Farms etc. inspected under Milk & Dairies Act. ..	94
Dust bin notices served.	30
Visits to Camping Sites (Inspections).	28

I am,
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